

Wanted: Labor Day Parade 2001 Coordinator

The Town is looking for a Labor Day Parade and Festival Coordinator who will work on a contractual basis to plan the Town's biggest, well-known, special event. The planning takes place throughout the year with the greatest concentration of organizing and coordinating during the summer months. Interested? Call Mayor Raufaste at 301-949-2424 ext. 13.

Help Save the Bay!

We are looking for some volunteers in the effort to design stormwater improvements to the Town's watersheds. The volunteers on the committee will participate in the creation of a grant proposal to the State of Maryland for implementation of watershed improvements that are beneficial to the Chesapeake Bay. Monthly meetings will begin this fall. Anyone who is interested, please contact the Town Office or Sara Loechel Timlin at 301-933-9630 or LuvBugsz@boo.net.

Work on Capitol Hill?

Why drive and sit in traffic when you can walk to the MARC train in Kensington and be at Union Station in about 18 minutes for only \$2.00

For information call 301-949-0932 M-F between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1, 4:00 p.m. Circle Manor Nursing Home

Bring companion animals (under control) and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Upcoming Kensington Historical Society Speakers

October 10, 2000, Linda Ayres, Executive Director of Collections will speak on **“The Mount Vernon Collection” of art.**

November 14, 2000, Professor Robert L. Giron will speak on **the First Thanksgiving in the USA** in present day San Elizario, El Paso, Texas, and its implications.

All programs start at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. The programs are held in the Council Room at Town Hall. Any questions, contact Phyllis Laumaillet at 301-949-5284.

Thanks for Recycling Mixed Paper!

Special thanks and a pat on the back to all our residents who are recycling mixed paper. This is helping our environment and saving your Tax \$\$\$\$\$. We do not have to pay a tipping fee when we bring the separated paper to the County Transfer Station. Think about how much of your trash is junk mail, magazines, computer paper and more. If it is mixed with your regular garbage you are paying a fee, by weight, for its disposal. Join your neighbors by putting out these paper products on Wednesdays. It should be put in a paper bag or container marked “mixed paper” and placed curbside apart from your blue recycling bin. Reminder: newspapers still go in the blue bin and NOT in with your mixed paper. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office.

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

Sunday, October 1, 2000 – Shady Grove Transfer Station, Rte 355 & Shady Grove Rd.

Saturday, October 21, 2000 – NIH, Rockville Pike at Wilson Dr. Lot 31 F/H

All collection events are open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., no appointment is necessary, no commercial vehicles or non-residential waste.

County residents may bring the following household hazardous items:

pesticides	herbicides	paint thinners
liquid oil based paints	solvents	pool chemicals
liquid latex paint	photo chemicals	fluorescent tubing
Ni-Cd, mercury, silver oxide lead and lithium batteries		

For further information call 301-840-2370 or visit the website at mcrecycles.org

None of the above mentioned items will be picked up by the Town.

December Meeting Schedule

Unless notified at a later date, there will be a combined Worksession/Town Meeting on December 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor's Report

Howard Avenue

Montgomery County has awarded a contract for Phase II of the Howard Avenue project. Some of the work will begin this fall.

Several persons have noticed that the trees planted in Phase I look distressed. The County is taking steps to guarantee replacement next spring if they don't survive the winter.

Metropolitan Avenue

State Highway Administration staff presented revised plans for Metropolitan Avenue in the area of the PEPCO facility and Mizell Lumber. They plan to move the roadway toward PEPCO. This will improve the alignment of Metropolitan Avenue as well as cause less private property intrusion. We will still have sidewalks on both sides of Metropolitan Avenue for the safety of pedestrians.

Meeting and Events Attended by the Mayor

The Mayor met with WSSC personnel to discuss problems at the eastern end of Dupont Avenue where water runs across Town property to Silver Creek. The Town installed new curb and gutter and WSSC is going to make improvements to the swale.

The Mayor held a preliminary meeting with County representatives to discuss business resources for our commercial area of Town. A second meeting was held with several business owners and Town Council Members. A decision was made to hold two meetings in October. More information to follow.

She held a Montgomery County Chapter Board of Directors, Maryland Municipal League, meeting in the Town office this month.

The Mayor attended a meeting with County representatives to discuss possible reuse of the concrete plant property on Metropolitan Avenue.

Mrs. Raufaste attended a Montgomery Municipal Cable TV meeting in the Town of Chevy Chase.

She attended the first meeting of the Legislative Committee held in Annapolis.

Council Member Bruch's Report

Infrastructure

Council Member Bruch submitted an application to the Legacy Open Space Program under the "protection of urban open spaces" category to request funds for the potential purchase of the Rinaldi property adjacent to St. Paul Park.

He was selected for the 2000-01 class of Leadership Montgomery. Leadership Montgomery is a nonprofit educational program which provides a small group of participants a unique opportunity to become well-informed community leaders.

He attended an economic development meeting with the Mayor, Council Member Pfautz, the Kensington Business District Association, Antique Row Merchants Association and Montgomery County government officials concerning small business development opportunities and training programs available through Montgomery County.

In response to our request, the State Highway Administration removed the signal control box that was restricting visibility at the northwest corner of Connecticut Avenue and Baltimore Street.

Building Permits

A permit was issued for a new house at 3922 Baltimore Street.

Worksession of Mayor and Council

August 7, 2000

Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, Pfautz, O'Donnell, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley, and Director of Public Works Joel were present and the following issues were addressed:

Kate Mazzara, State Highway Administration, presented the shifted alignment of the Metropolitan Avenue streetscape improvement plans. The Request for Proposals for this project will be advertised on October 3rd. Council Member Bruch moved to approve the changes to the plans as presented. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Joel Oppenheimer, State Highway Administration, explained the new Access 2000 program that will provide improved bicycle and pedestrian access to rail transit stations. Kensington is a candidate for this program.

Council Members Bruch and O'Donnell recused themselves from discussion on the proposed addition at 10405 Fawcett Street. Concerns were expressed about the mass of the addition and its roof deck. The Mayor and Council Members Pfautz and Tucker planned to meet on August 14th to review the Local Advisory Panel's recommendation on this project.

Council Member Bruch moved to declare "surplus" a list of unused Town property provided by the Director of Public Works. Seconded and passed unanimously. The property will be advertised for sale.

Farmers will be asked to take down the market signs when they leave on Saturdays.

Council Member Tucker moved not to approve a request for organized baseball in St. Paul Park. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Kensington Nursery School will be allowed to hold its fundraiser in the Armory Drill Hall under the same terms as last year.

A children's dance group will be offered the carpeted meeting room on the lower level as rental space.

The minutes were reviewed for additions and corrections

The Project List was reviewed and updated.

The monthly incoming correspondence was reviewed.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to close the meeting to discuss personnel issues. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Town Meeting

August 28, 2000

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Raufaste with Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley, and Director of Public Works Joel attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commander Reynolds, Sargeant Thompson, and Officer Joan Logan, Bethesda Police District spoke to the audience about protecting oneself and one's property from crime. They gave an update of criminal activity in the Kensington area and talked about police programs and initiatives for deterring crime.

Monthly reports were presented by the Mayor Council, Acting Building Inspector, and staff.

Council Actions

Council Member Bruch moved to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member Bruch moved to reconsider allowing organized baseball play for children under ten in St. Paul Park. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member Bruch moved to grant a waiver for stormwater management for a proposed home at 3922 Baltimore Street as authorized in the Town Code 8-206. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Council Member Bruch moved to sponsor Montgomery Municipal Cable employees for Health Insurance through the Local Government Insurance Trust. There is no monetary cost to the Town or any other responsibility. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

The Council agreed that the Lion's Club could place a cell phone collection box in the Town Office foyer. The cell phones are reconditioned for abused women to use for emergencies.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McAuley, Clerk Treasurer

Contact us at 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington, MD 20895. Phone 301-949-2424, fax 301-949-4925, e-mail mayor.council@tok.org

Special Alert!! There is a man approaching Kensington residents offering to seal driveways. THIS IS A SCAM. There have also been a number of burglaries in the immediate area. Lock all your doors at all times, even when you are home. Report anything unusual to the police immediately.